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Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know how then there was delay in taking delivery of the telegram ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" From what we have been able to gather the president avoided taking delivery of the telegram."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know from the hon. the Minister, where the president was when the telegram was delivered ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Notice, Sir."

Religious and Charitable Endowments

Levy of fees on documents filed before the Hindu Religious Endowments Board.

* 1760 Q.—Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the authority for applying the Court Fees Act to documents filed before the Hindu Religious Endowments Board ; and

(*b*) the authority empowering the Board to frame rules in 1925 and 1926 fixing court fees on documents filed before the Hindu Religious Endowments Board ?

A.—(*a*) Section 81 of the Hindu Religious Endowments Act, 1926 (Act II of 1927).

(*b*) No rules have been framed by the Hindu Religious Endowments Board in the matter. The fees in question were governed in 1925 and 1926 by section 77 of the Hindu Religious Endowments Act, 1923 (Act I of 1925), which corresponded to the section of the present Act, referred to in (*a*) above.

Alleged litigation concerning the Srikarpaganathar Swami temple.

* 1761 Q.—Mr. M. BALASUBRAHMANYA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Srikarpaganathar Swami temple at Karpaganatharkulam, Tiruturaipundi taluk, Tanjore district, was the subject of litigation before the Hindu Religious Endowments Board ;

(*b*) whether the Commissioner while interfering to set aside the order of the Temple Committee and while reinstating a dismissed trustee, directed the said trustee to deposit with the Board promissory notes and cash belonging to the temple ;

(*c*) whether while the matter was pending before the said Board, promissory notes in the custody of the Commissioner to the value of about Rs. 18,000 got time-barred ;

(*d*) whether any, and if so, what steps were taken to recover the said amount from the person or persons liable to make good the said loss ;

(*e*) whether the whole or any portion of the amount so lost was recovered ; and

(*f*) whether the Government propose to take any, and if so, what action in the matter ?

A.—(*a*) to (*f*) Information has been called for.

Mr. M. BALASUBRAHMANYA MUDALIYAR :—" With reference to the answer, namely, 'Information has been called for', may I know how the Minister proposes to make the information available to Members of the Council ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I cannot say at present, how I can do that."

Mr. M. BALASUBRAHMANYA MUDALIYAR :—" Will the hon. Minister consider the question of supplying the information to us ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" As I have already stated I do not know the ways and means of doing it."

Financial position of the Hindu Religious Endowments Board.

* 1762 Q.—Mr. K. R. VENKATARAMA AYYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total amount collected down to 31st January 1930, as contribution under the Madras Hindu Religious Endowments Act—

(i) from the mutts ;

(ii) from excepted temples ;

(iii) from non-excepted temples ;

(*b*) the arrears claimed by the Board and remaining uncollected ;

(*c*) the cost incurred down to 31st January 1930—

(i) over the Hindu Religious Endowments Board ;

(ii) otherwise in working the Act or in connexion with it ; and

(*d*) the present financial position of the Board, and if it is one of deficit, the proposals, if any, of the Government to make up the deficit ?

A.—(*a*) The total amount of contributions collected up to the 31st January 1930 is as follows :—

	RS.	A.	P.
(i) From maths	67,660	3	3
(ii) From excepted temples	2,11,099	15	4
(iii) From non-excepted temples ...	2,40,281	7	5
Total ...	5,19,041	10	0

(*b*) The arrears claimed by the Board and remaining uncollected on 31st December 1929 amounted to Rs. 5,35,371–13–4.

NOTE.—This does not include the amounts to be collected in respect of fasli 1339.

(*c*) The expenditure of the Board up to the 31st January 1930 amounted to Rs. 8,49,159–2–5. As to the expenditure of temple committees, information is not available.

(*d*) In addition to the receipts indicated above, advances aggregating Rs. 3,26,500 were made to the Board by Government during the years 1925-26 to 1929-30. No payment was made by the Board to Government up to the 1st July 1929 either